

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

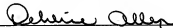
In re Application of:	§	
CHESTER S. MCVAY ET AL.	§	Group Art Unit: 3672
	§	
Serial No.: 10/789,631	§	
	§	Examiner: HOANG C. DANG
Filed: FEBRUARY 27, 2004	§	
	§	
Title: "ANNULAR PRESSURE RELIEF COLLAR"	§	
	§	Atty. Docket No: HES 2003-IP-012179U1
	§	

MAIL STOP AF
Honorable Commissioner of Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

CERTIFICATE OF FILING ELECTRONICALLY VIA EFS
MPEP 503

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE A REASONABLE BASIS FOR BELIEF THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING SUBMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE VIA EFS (ELECTRONICALLY) ON THE DATE INDICATED BELOW, AND IS ADDRESSED TO:

MAIL STOP AF
HONORABLE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. BOX 1450
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450



DEBBIE ALLEN

DATE OF SUBMISSION: NOVEMBER 30, 2006
ELECTRONIC FILING (EFS)

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111 TO
FINAL OFFICE ACTION, MAILED OCTOBER 4, 2006**

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 4, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper, and
- Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.